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Man Charged with Throwing Dog Off Cliff

A 21-year-old man has been charged with throwing his female pit bull mix down the edge of a hill, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Alexandra Campbell said Andres Spancky Raya (dob 11/5/95) faces two felony counts of cruelty to an animal.

Raya pleaded not guilty to the charges yesterday and is scheduled to return on Feb. 23 in Department 31 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Case BA453715 was filed on Jan. 19.

Raya is charged with throwing his dog, Mary Jane, from a cliff in the 1300 block of Luella Drive to a ravine 145 feet below on Sept. 26 and 28, 2016, the prosecutor said.

Bail was set at \$65,000. If convicted as charged, Raya faces a possible maximum sentence of three years and eight months in jail.

The defendant was remanded into custody at arraignment after probation was revoked in case TA135559.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

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